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Hamilton County Prescription Drug Discount Program Widely Used In First 6 Weeks

County Residents Take Advantage Of Free Discount Cards To Save Money On Prescription Drugs

[Hamilton County, TN] — During the first 6 weeks since the introduction of the Hamilton County Discount Card Program in Partnership with the National Association of Counties free prescription drug discount program, county residents filled 6,026 prescriptions with the cards at discounts averaging 22.43% and an average \$10.30 savings per prescription, Hamilton County Mayor Claude Ramsey announced today.

Hamilton County launched the program on Valentine's Day to help consumers cope with the high price of prescription drugs. The county is making the free prescription drug discount cards available under a program sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACo) that offers average savings of 20 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs.

Mayor Ramsey says he is pleased so many people have chosen to use the program. "These are real life savings, we joined the program hoping people would use the card to save some money, that is exactly what has happened! I am very excited to see the increase in card use, we introduced the money saving plan on February 14th and in just two short weeks more than 11-hundred people used the prescription discount card. In March over 26-hundred people used the card. Now that people can see the card is saving them money, we hope even more Hamilton County residents will use our discount card in the future. We are grateful to the 100 local pharmacies and outlets that have joined us to help save Hamilton County citizens some money."

Mayor Ramsey adds, "Best of all, there is no cost to county taxpayers for NACo and Hamilton County to make these money saving cards available to our residents."

The cards may be used by all county residents, regardless of age, income, or existing health coverage, and are accepted at most Hamilton County pharmacies. A national network of more than 57,000 participating retail pharmacies also honors the Hamilton County Discount Card Program.

Cards are available at almost every local pharmacy. County residents can call toll free 1-877-321-2652 or visit <https://naco.advancerx.com> for assistance with the program.

“Using the NACo prescription discount card is easy,” said Mayor Ramsey. “Simply present it at a participating pharmacy. There is no enrollment form, no membership fee and no restrictions or limits on frequency of use. Cardholders and their family members may use the card any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance.”

The program is administered by Caremark Rx, Inc.

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is a full-service organization that provides legislative, research, technical and public affairs assistance to county governments. Created in 1935, NACo continues to ensure that the nation's 3,066 counties are heard and understood in the White House and Congress.

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